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## THE ORGANIZATION MEETING.

## FIRST SESSION, FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by Professor George T. Flom, who nominated Professor C. N. Gould for temporary chairman. Upon being so elected Professor Gould took the chair. Professor Flom was elected temporary secretary.

It was moved and carried that the chairman appoint a committee of four on constitution and a committee of four to nominate officers for the first year.

The chair announced the following appointments:

Committee on Constitution	{	Professor JULIUS E. OLSON
		Professor JULES MAURITZON
		Professor GEORGE T. FLOM
		Dr. HENRY G. LEACH
Committee on Nominations	{	Dr. L. M. HOLLANDER
		Mr. W. N. C. CARLTON
		Mr. AKSEL G. S. JOSEPHSON
		Mr. J. C. M. HANSON

The secretary then announced a slight change in the afternoon and evening program, and suggested that as Professor Sturtevant would be obliged to leave early in the afternoon the program begin with his paper.

The reading of papers was then begun.

1. Försoningen in *Frithjofs Saga*. By Professor A. M. Sturtevant of the University of Kansas. (20 minutes)

The paper showed the relation in thought between this canto of Tegnér's *Frithjofs saga* and four of his earlier poems. The reader then sought to interpret Försoningen as the poetic expression of Tegnér's religious views with especial reference to the relation of God to man and to the orthodox conception of vicarious atonement.

The paper was discussed by Professor Jules Mauritzon and Mr. Thor J. Benson.

[This paper will appear in *The Journal of English and Germanic Philology*].

2. A Sketch of Scandinavian Study in American Universities.  
By Professor George T. Flom, of the University of  
Illinois. (15 minutes)

The paper was discussed by Professors C. N. Gould and  
Július E. Olson.

[This paper is printed by request of the Executive Council as part of *Proceedings Series*, Vol. I, No. 1 of the Publications of the Society].

3. The Relative Age of the Gautreks saga and the Hrolfs saga Gautrekssonar. By Dr. Lee M. Hollander, of the University of Wisconsin. (20 minutes)

[This paper will appear in *The Journal of English and Germanic Philology*].

4. The Geats in Beowulf. By Dr. Gudmund Schütte, of Copenhagen University, Denmark.

The paper was read by Dr. Henry G. Leach, of Harvard University. (20 minutes)

The paper forms Chapter I in a series of new studies by Dr. Schütte on the historical element of the epic, the locality of the events and the identity of the Geats and aims to show from new points of view that the Gautar of Sweden are outside the zone of interest of the Beowulf and that the Jutes of Jutland are within the inner zone of interest, that the latter, therefore, are to be identified with the Geats of the epic.

The paper was discussed by Dr. Lee M. Hollander, Professor Julius E. Olson and the Reader.

[This paper will appear in *The Journal of English and Germanic Philology*].

5. Recent Attacks on the Historical Reliability of the Vinland Sagas. By Professor Julius E. Olson, of the University of Wisconsin. (15 minutes)

The paper upheld the reliability of the main facts of the Vinland sagas against Frithjof Nansen and outlined new studies by Professor Olson relative to the localization of certain events.

The paper was discussed by Prof. Jules Mauritzon, Dr. G. H. Leach, Prof. George T. Flom, Mr. W. N. C. Carlton and the author.

[This paper is to be printed in *Year Book* of the Swedish Historical Society of America.]

6. Traces of Old Norse Paganism in Swedish Christmas Customs of To-Day. By Prof. Jules Mauritzon of Augustana College. (15 minutes)

The reader discussed certain Swedish customs, which, while associated today with Christian practices, are only to be explained as survivals of pagan belief and worship.

The paper was discussed by Dr. Lee M. Hollander and the author.

[This paper will be issued as No. 2 of a *Scandinavian Studies* series to be published by the Society].

There were twenty-four present during the session.

At six o'clock, Friday, May 26, the members of the Society were the guests of the University of Chicago at a banquet in the café of Hutchinson Commons. Professor John Matthews Manly delivered the address of welcome to the Society on behalf of President H. P. Judson of the University of Chicago. Professor Manly spoke of the linguistic relations of Scandinavia and England, emphasizing especially the great value of a knowledge of Old Norse to the student of Middle English. The toastmaster then further called on Professors Starr W. Cutting and William A. Nitze of the University of Chicago. In responding the former spoke of the importance of Scandinavian study to students of German, and the latter emphasized the influence of French and Norse literature upon each other. Responses for the society were given by Dr. Henry G. Leach of Harvard, Mr. Ernest W. Olson of Chicago and Professor Julius E. Olson.

At Eight o'clock the members of the Society and their guests were entertained at a smoker in Hutchinson Commons. Mr. W. N. C. Carlton of The Newberry Library, Chicago, delivered the smoke-talk upon "Culture and Norse Literature." Mr. Clement B. Shaw and Mrs. Geo. E. Q. Johnson gave an interpretation and reading of canto eight of the *Frithjofs saga*, which was followed by selections from Hanson's opera of *Frithof and Ingeborg* by Mr. Shaw and pupils, including the sextette with chorus accompaniment.

This was followed by the singing of the folk-songs and national songs of the Scandinavian North led by Professor Julius E. Olson. The evening program was concluded by the

singing of two numbers from Wennerberg's *Gluntarne* by Professor J. E. Olson and Mr. Martin J. Engberg.

There were forty present at the smoker.

## SECOND SESSION, SATURDAY, MAY 27, 9:30 A. M.

The reading of papers was resumed:

7. An Unpublished Fragment of the Old Norwegian *Konungs Skuggsjá*, RA 58 C. By Professor George T. Flom of the University of Illinois. (15 minutes)

After discussing the discovery of the fragment of four leaves the author outlined the results of his studies on its date and dialect, the paper being a part of a larger study upon the language and paleography of the fragment.

The paper was discussed by Dr. G. H. Leach, Dr. L. M. Hollander, Prof. C. N. Gould and the author.

[The paper will be published as *University of Illinois Studies*, Vol. IV, No. 2, June 1911]

8. A discussion of "The Need of English Translations of the Sagas and Modern Scandinavian Masterpieces." By Professor C. N. Gould of The University of Chicago.

The report was discussed by Professors Julius E. Olson and George T. Flom, Mr. Aksel G. S. Johephson and Mr. Ernest W. Olson.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Aksel G. S. Josephson that a committee be appointed to correspond with publishers and report at the next annual meeting of the Society with reference to the publishing of a translation series. Carried.

The meeting then proceeded to the work of organization. The secretary presented the report of the committee on constitution.

After the report was read it was moved and carried that the constitution be taken up article by article; this was then done. The articles with certain amendments being adopted, it was moved by Professor J. E. Olson and carried that in view of the division upon Article I on Name of the Society, the question as to whether the name be The Scandinavian Philological Society of America or The Society for the Advance-

ment of Scandinavian Study be decided by a referendum of all members of the society. Carried.

As amended the ten articles were then adopted in toto as the Constitution of the Society.

[By vote of the Executive Council the Constitution is printed herewith as part of *Proceedings Series I*, 1 of the Publications of the Society].

Relative to corresponding members the duty of their election was delegated to the Executive Council with the further instruction that such corresponding members shall be elected from among European scholars noted for their contributions to the advancement of the study of the languages, literature and culture of the Scandinavian North.

The Committee on the nomination of officers then reported through its chairman as follows:

For President, Professor Julius E. Olson

For Vice-President, Professor Jules Mauritzon

For Secretary-Treasurer, Professor George T. Flom

For Advisory Committee

Dr. A. Louis Elmquist	} For three years
Prof. Gisle Bothne	
Mr. Ernst W. Olson	} For two years
Prof. W. H. Schofield	
Prof. A. A. Stomberg	} For one year
Prof C. N. Gould	

The candidates nominated were then unanimously elected to their respective offices.

The Secretary was then instructed: "to draft a letter of thanks on behalf of the Society to President H. P. Judson, University of Chicago, for the courtesies extended to the Society during its meetings."

It was then resolved "that a vote of thanks be extended to Professor C. N. Gould for the admirable arrangements which made the first meeting of the Society such a successful and delightful occasion." Carried.

Moved further: "The members of the Society desire to place on record their appreciation of the fact that the organiza-

tion of the Society is due to the initiative and the untiring efforts of Professor Flom. Be it therefore resolved that the Society make acknowledgement of this by a vote of thanks to be embodied for permanent record in the Proceedings of the Society." Carried.

The Society adjourned at 1:30 p. m.

At a meeting of the Executive Council at 3 p. m. the following scholars were elected corresponding members of the Society:

Professor AXEL OLRIK, Copenhagen, for Denmark  
 Professor MAGNUS OLSON, Christiania, for Norway  
 Professor AXEL KOCK, Lund, for Sweden  
 Professor FINNUR JONSSON, Copenhagen, for Iceland  
 Professor HUGO PIPPING, Helsingfors, for Finland  
 Dr. GUDMUND SCHUETTE, Copenhagen.

Particulars regarding other business transacted by the Council will be published in *Proceedings* I. 2.

#### **CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCANDINAVIAN STUDY.**

Adopted on the twenty-seventh of May, 1911.

##### **ARTICLE 1.**

The name of this Society shall be the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study.

##### **ARTICLE 2.**

The object of this society shall be to promote research in the languages, literature and culture of the Scandinavian North and to advance their study in America. This the Society will aim to do through the holding of annual meetings for the reading and discussion of papers, through publications and such other activities as the Society may direct.

##### **ARTICLE 3.**

The officers of this Society shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary-treasurer and an advisory committee of six members, these nine to constitute the Executive Council of the Society.

##### **ARTICLE 4.**

The president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer shall perform the usual duties pertaining to such offices. The secretary shall furthermore have charge of the publications of the Society and the preparation of the program of the annual meeting.

ARTICLE 5.

The president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer shall be elected annually. The first two members of the advisory committee shall hold office for three years, the next two members for two years and the last two members for one year. Vacancies occurring between the annual meetings shall be filled by the Executive Council.

ARTICLE 6.

Nominations of officers shall be made through a nominating committee to be appointed by the chair. The vote shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE 7.

Any person may become a member of this Society upon nomination by a member and approval by the president and secretary. The membership shall be made up of a) active, b) corresponding, and c) supporting members.

ARTICLE 8.

The annual dues shall be one dollar. Any member may become a life member by a single payment of fifteen dollars. Corresponding members shall be non-paying.

ARTICLE 9.

The annual meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Executive Council may determine.

ARTICLE 10.

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting provided the proposed amendment has received the approval of two-thirds of the members of the Executive Council.